

Application No.: 10/800580  
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (Currently amended). A wet paper transfer belt for use in the press part of a closed draw papermaking machine, comprising a base body, a wet paper web side layer having a wet paper web side surface, and a machine side layer, wherein said wet paper web side layer comprises an elastic section consisting of urethane resin and a fiber body, at least fibers composed of a part of the fiber body is are exposed on said wet paper web side surface, and at least the exposed part of the fiber body is substantially all of the fibers exposed on said wet paper web side surface are hydrophilic and capable of holding an amount of water from a wet paper web in contact with the wet paper web side surface of the transfer belt sufficient to attach the wet paper web to the transfer belt for transfer of the wet paper web from the press part to a next stage in the papermaking machine.

2-4 (Cancelled).

5 (Previously presented). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fiber body consists of fibers from the group consisting of nylon fibers, vinylon fibers, rayon fibers, cotton fibers and wool fibers.